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LETTER DATED 12 JULY 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As you are aware Turkish forces have twice carried out raids into northern Iraq. The second of these incursions took place only a few days ago. As a pretext for the operation, the Turkish Government claimed that its troops were in pursuit of hostile Kurdish elements. Regrettably, this operation has been supported by great Powers permanent members of the Security Council. On 7 July 1995 a spokesman for the United States Department of State said that the use of United States aircraft and other military equipment by Turkey was justified, and that the United States took the view that the Ankara Government was simply exercising its right to self-defence. It is to be regretted that the Security Council has not lifted a finger in response to this act of aggression, which constitutes a violation of State sovereignty and contravenes every charter and international rule, first and foremost the Charter of the United Nations.

This apathy proves that the United Nations is under the domination of a single Member State which obliges the Security Council to apply a double standard. While the United Nations claims that it is protecting Kurds in Iraq against the Iraqi Government, it closes its eyes to persecution by Turkey of its own Kurds.

This constitutes a serious precedent which will go down in history and should be taken note of by the Security Council.

In informing you, Sir, of the pain and suffering which these events and flagrant violations of international norms and practice cause us, I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, etc.

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